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VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTRES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated for the 17 Vocational Rehabilitation Centres (VRCs) functioning in the country for mentally and physically handicapped children are not adequate;

(b) if so, the total funds allocated and expenditure made on the VRCs during the last three years;

(c) the steps initiated for allocation of more funds for Vocational Rehabilitation Centres; and

(d) the fresh steps taken for improvement in physical, medical, socio-economic and psychological evolutions of the children residing in these VRCs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (d) Adequate funds are allocated to Vocational Rehabilitation Centres (VRCs) which provide rehabilitation assistance to persons with disabilities in the age group of 15-50 years. Out of total allocation of Rs. 24.47 crores for VRCs, an expenditure of Rs. 18.09 crore was incurred during the years 1999-2002. The new initiatives in this regard, inter-alia, include setting up of Skill Training Workshops, Rural Rehabilitation Extension Centres, at least one VRC in each State/Union Territory during Tenth Five Year Plan, mobile camps in rural areas, etc.